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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary of the Upcoming Week



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Today

- **Locally heavy rainfall/isolated flash flooding possible across NM and the coastal areas of TX/LA.**
- **Elevated fire weather conditions over the TX/OK Panhandles.**

Thursday - Sunday

- **Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding across NM through the rest of the week.**
- **Potential for heavy rain/isolated flash flooding across AR Saturday-Sunday.**
- **Elevated fire weather conditions over the TX/OK Panhandles Thursday.**

Tropical Weather Outlook

- **There is a 10% chance of tropical cyclone formation over the next 5 days as an area of disturbed weather approaches the Bahamas and Florida.**
- **Another area of disturbed weather in the far eastern Atlantic has a 40% chance of development over the next 5 days.**

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

July 31, 2019 – Aug 4, 2019



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DAY / THREAT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NM/LA, TX Coasts	NM	NM	NM/AR	NM/AR
Fire Weather	TX/OK Panhandles	TX/OK Panhandles			
Tropical Weather					
River Flooding	LA	LA	LA	LA	LA

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

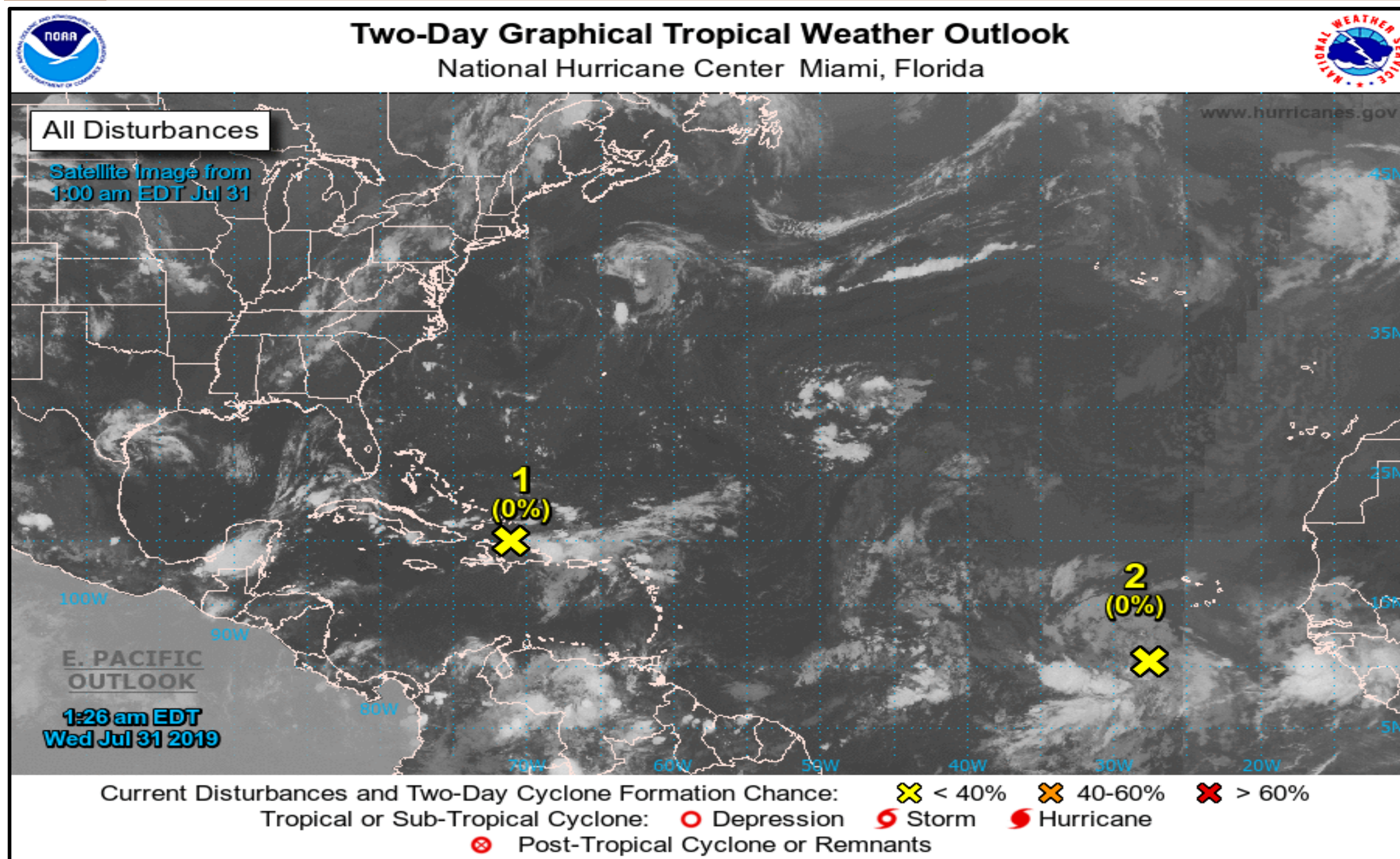
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf



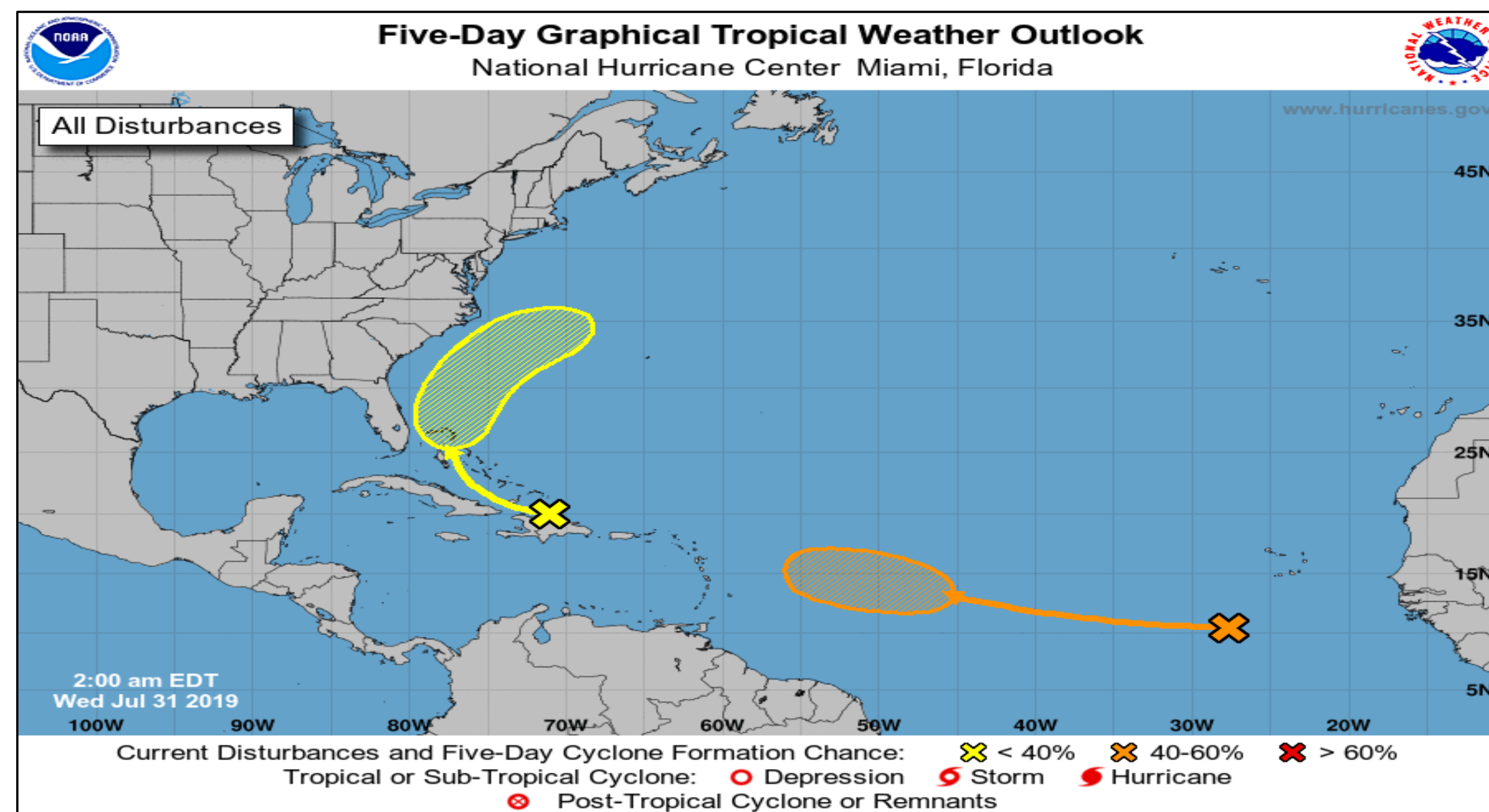
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Tropical Development Potential

There is a 10% chance of tropical cyclone formation over the next 5 days as an area of disturbed weather approaches the Bahamas and Florida.

Another area of disturbed weather in the far eastern Atlantic has a 40% development over the next 5 days.



FEMA Region 6 Threat Level

No impacts to Region 6 in the near-term, but will continue to monitor the system in the eastern Atlantic.

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

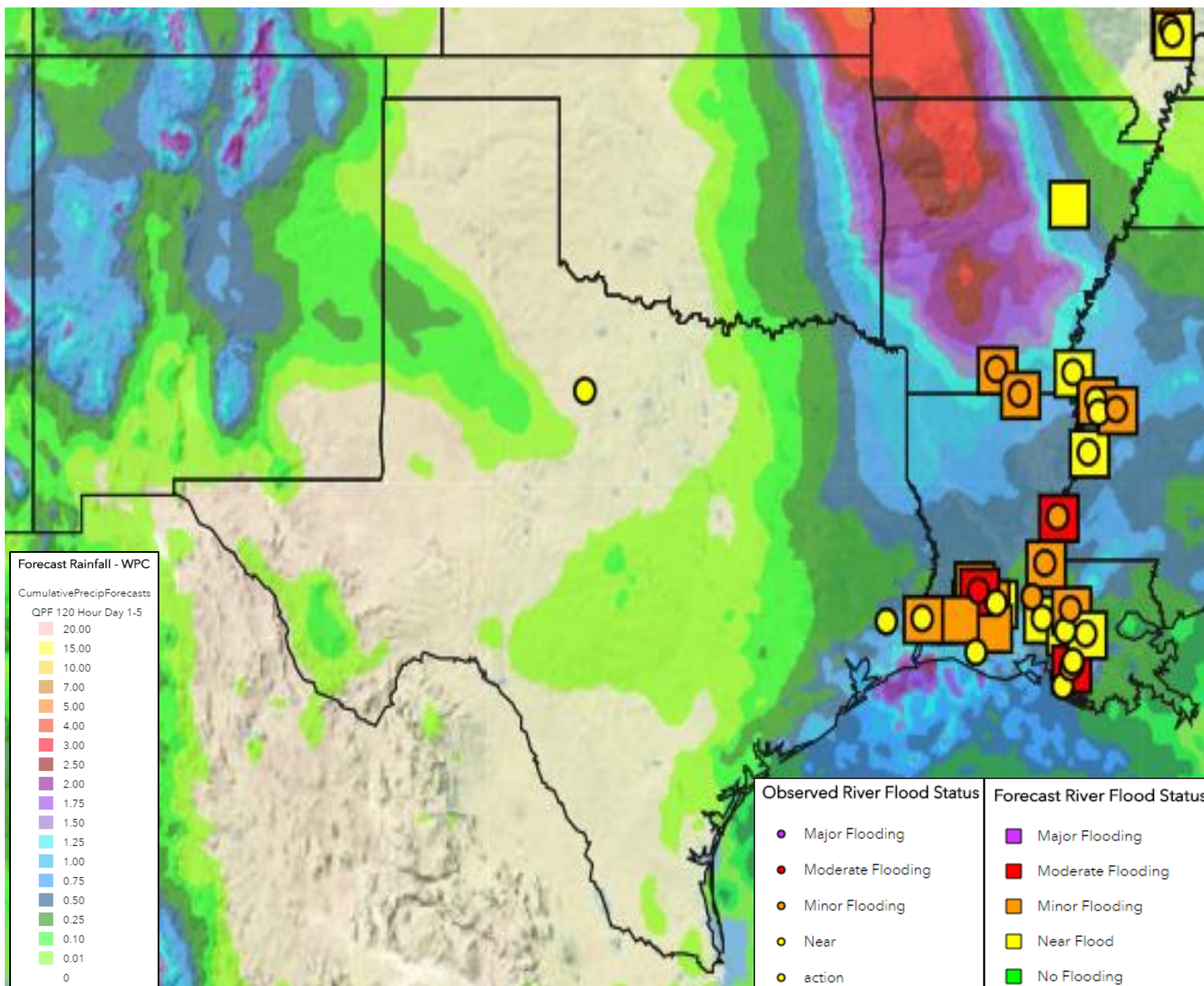


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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall

Latest on the MS River Flooding:

- **Red River Landing, LA** is in minor flood stage and will continue to steadily drop over the next week. Impacts primarily to recreational camps and farm land.
- **Baton Rouge, LA** is in minor flood stage, and is forecast to steadily continue to fall and eventually drop below flood stage by next Wednesday. Impacts primarily to river traffic.
- **The Atchafalaya River at Morgan City, LA** will hover around 7 feet (moderate flood stage) through the week. Impacts primarily to river traffic and some buildings near the river.



Today's Weather



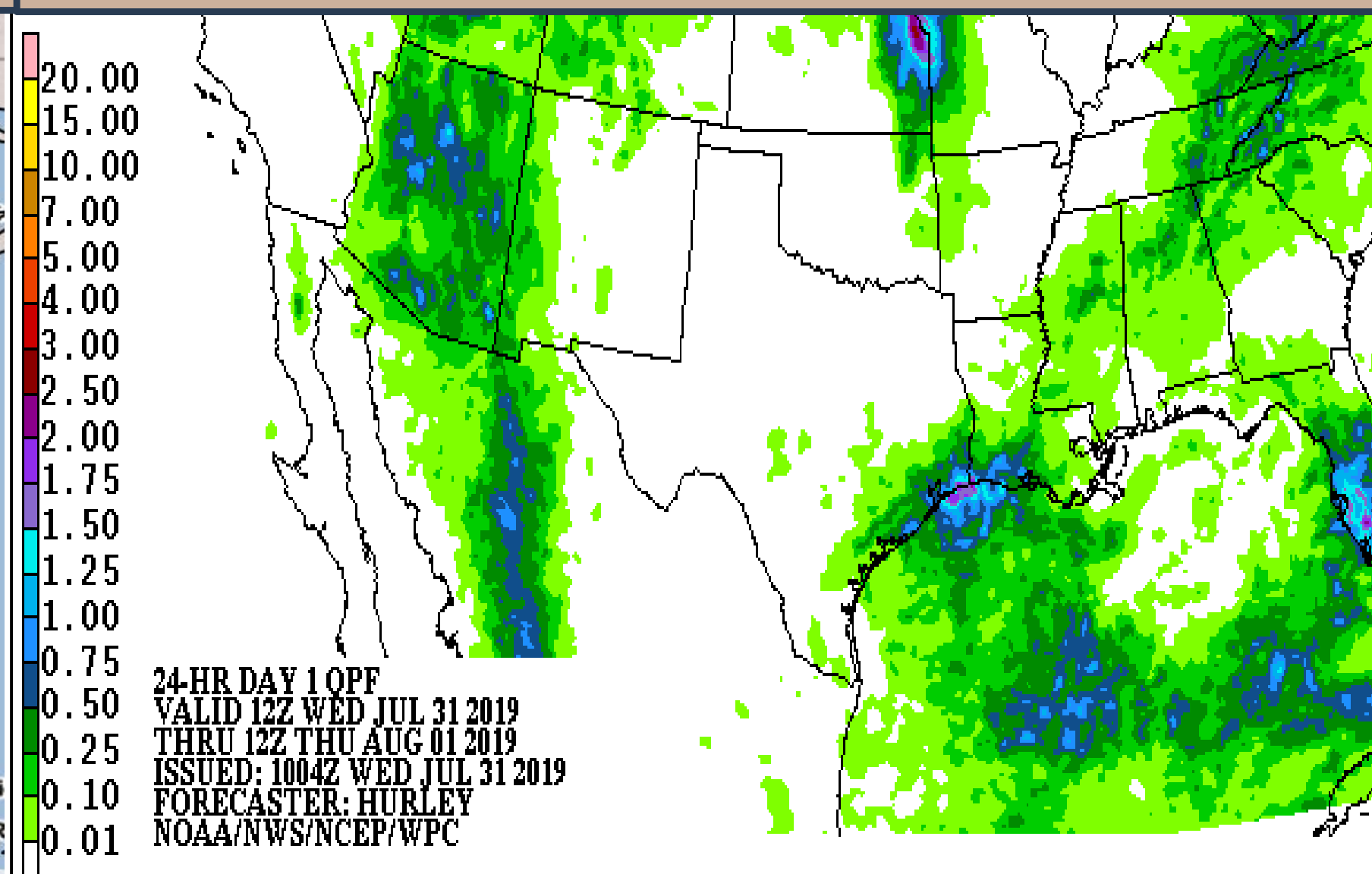
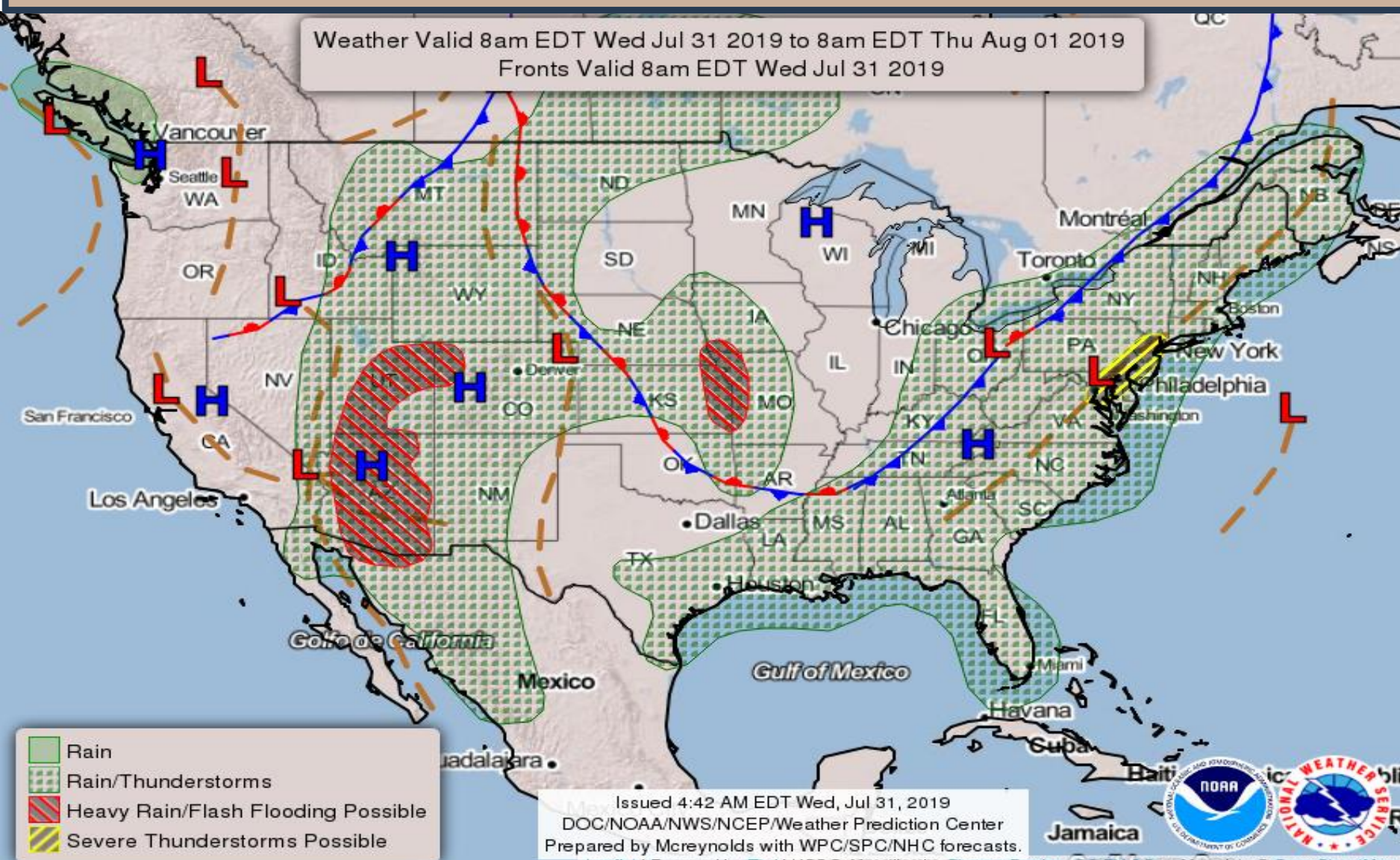
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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall

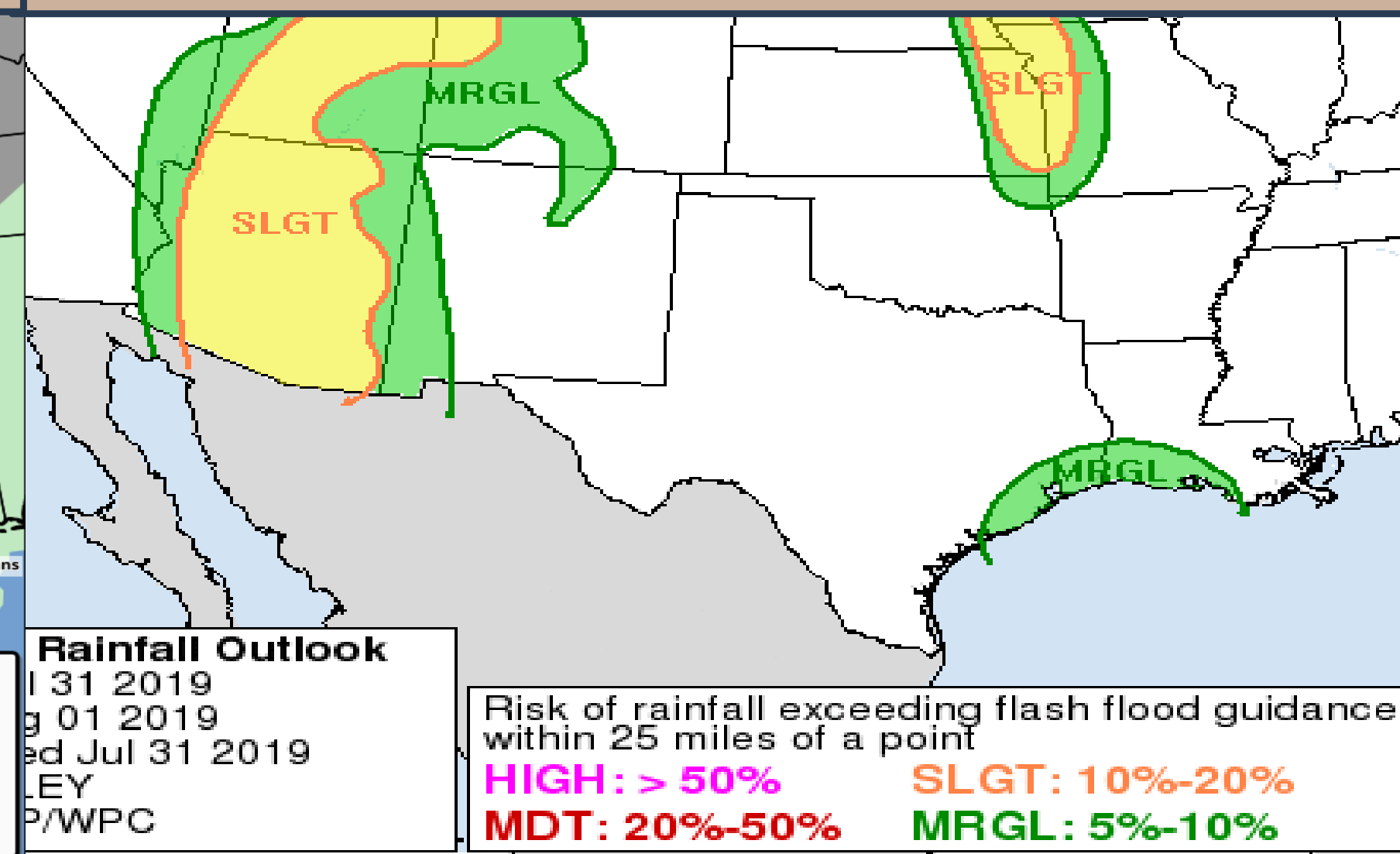
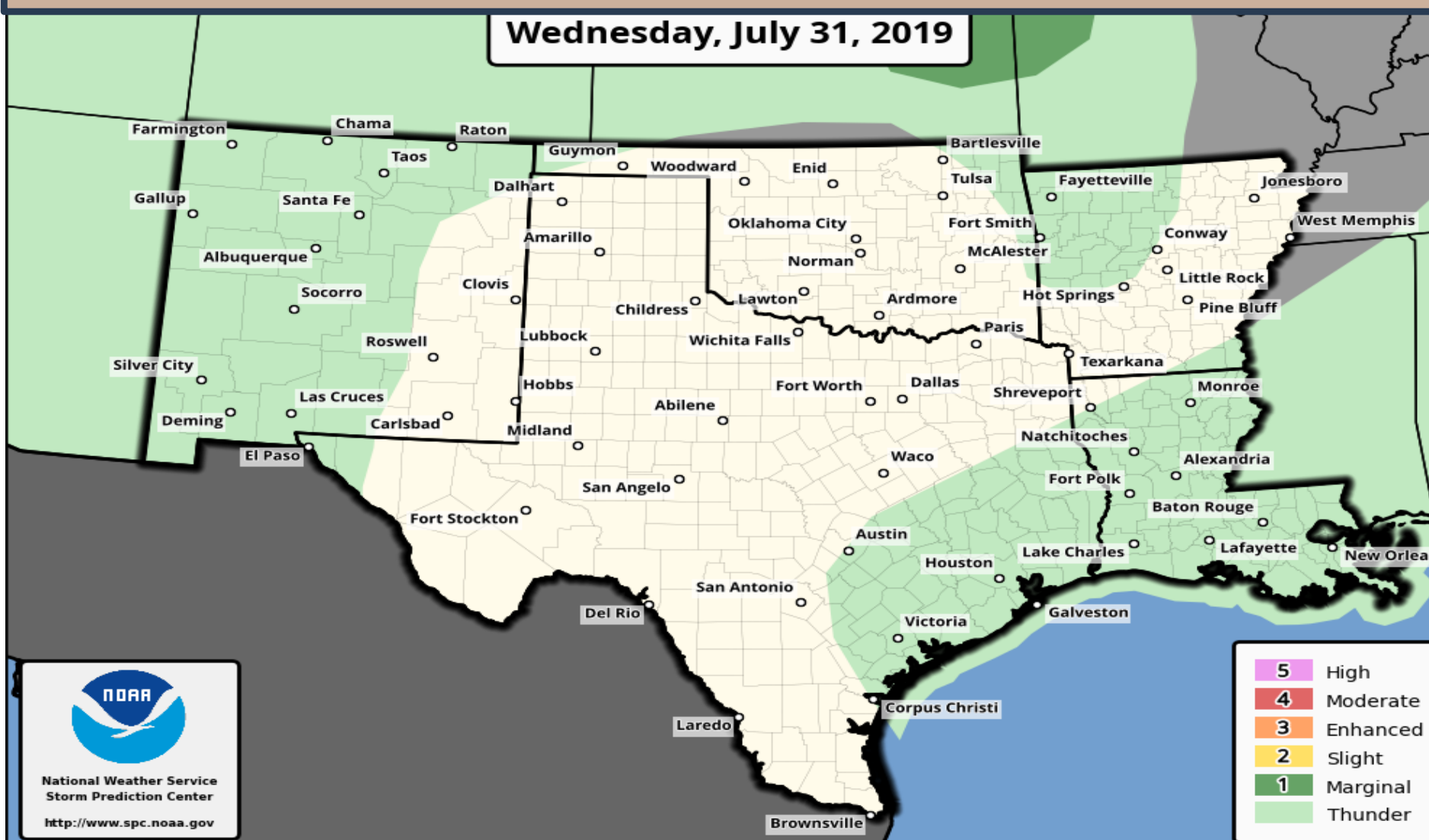
Elevated fire weather conditions across TX/OK Panhandles.

Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding across NM and the LA/TX Coasts



Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



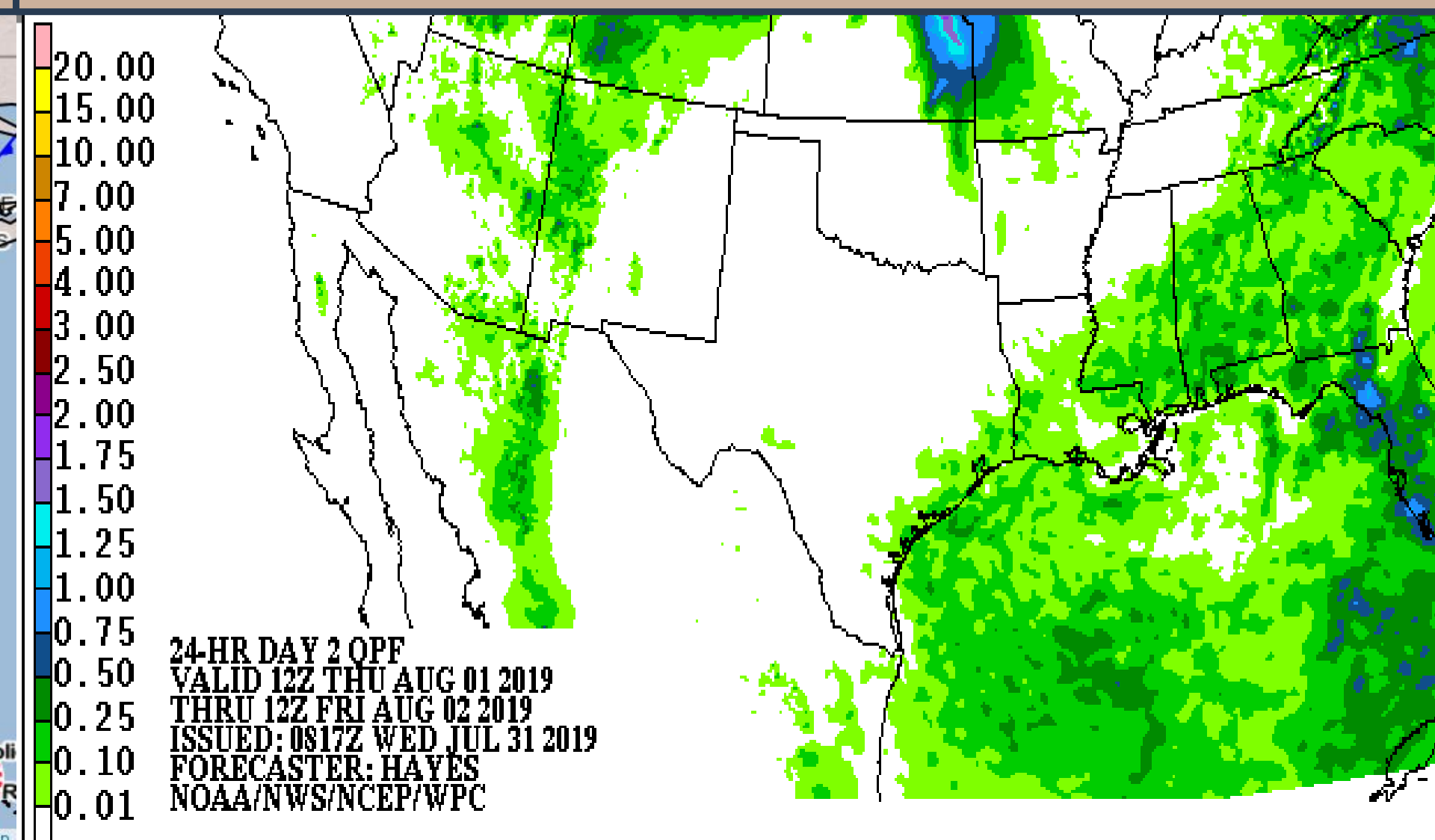
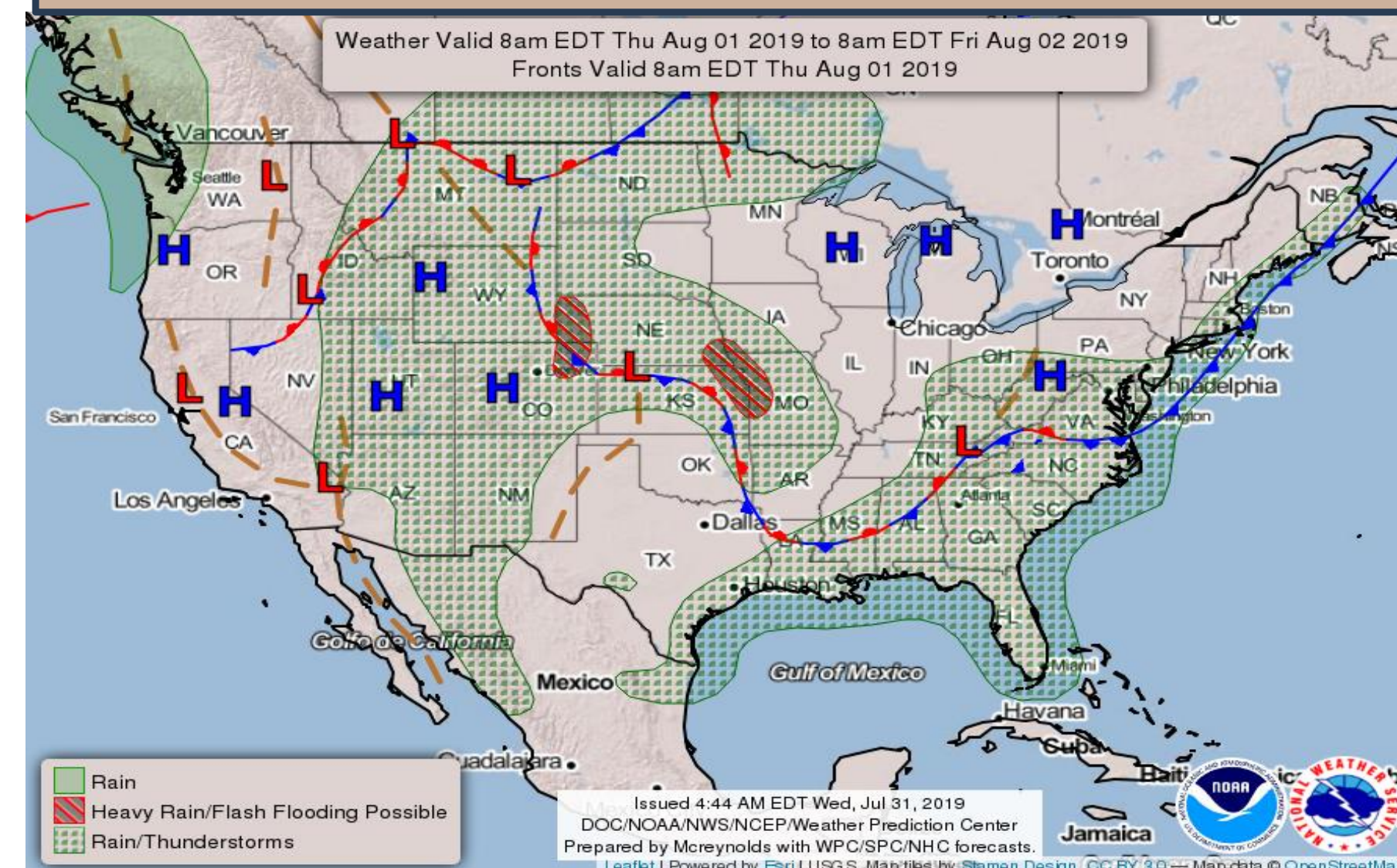
Tomorrow's Weather



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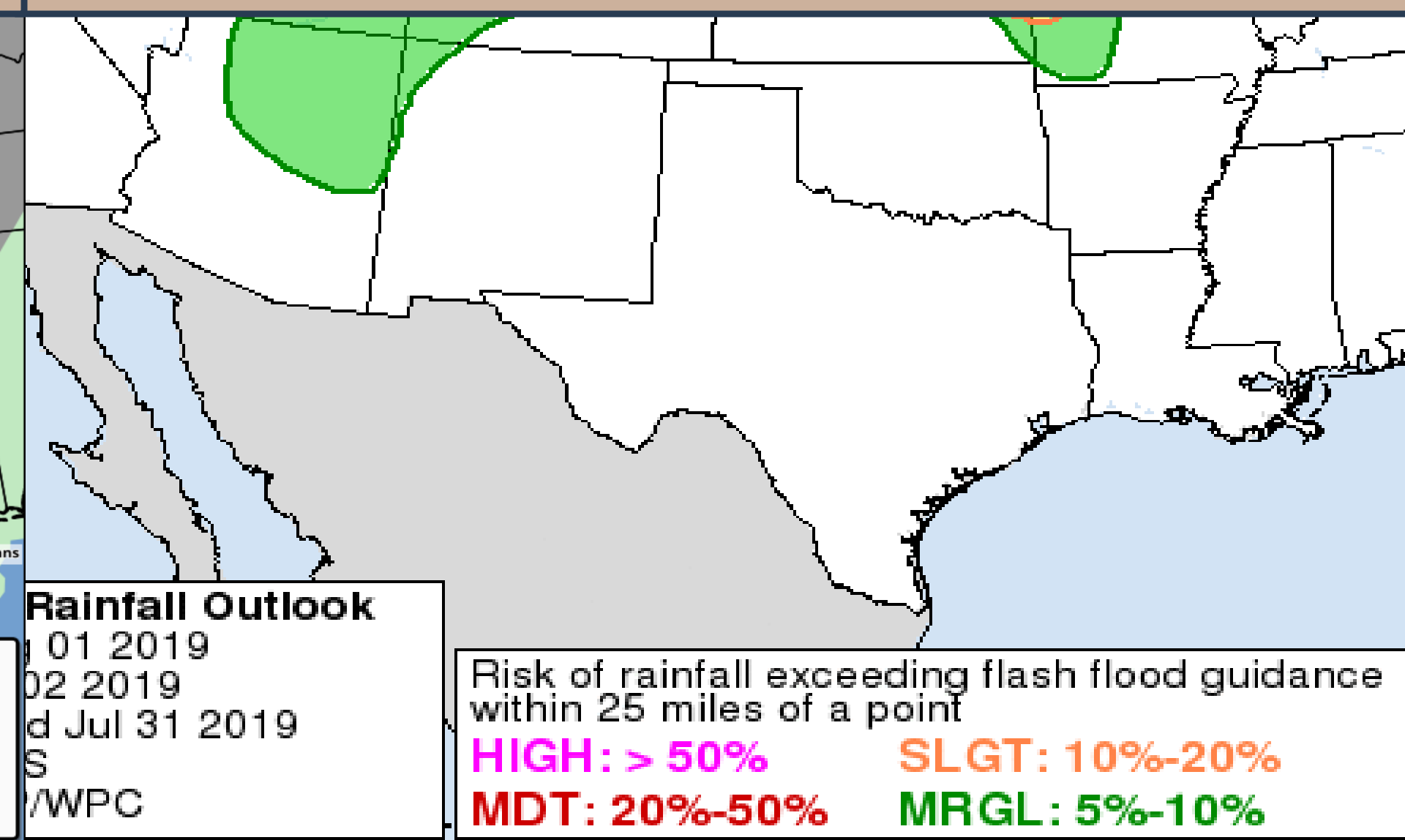
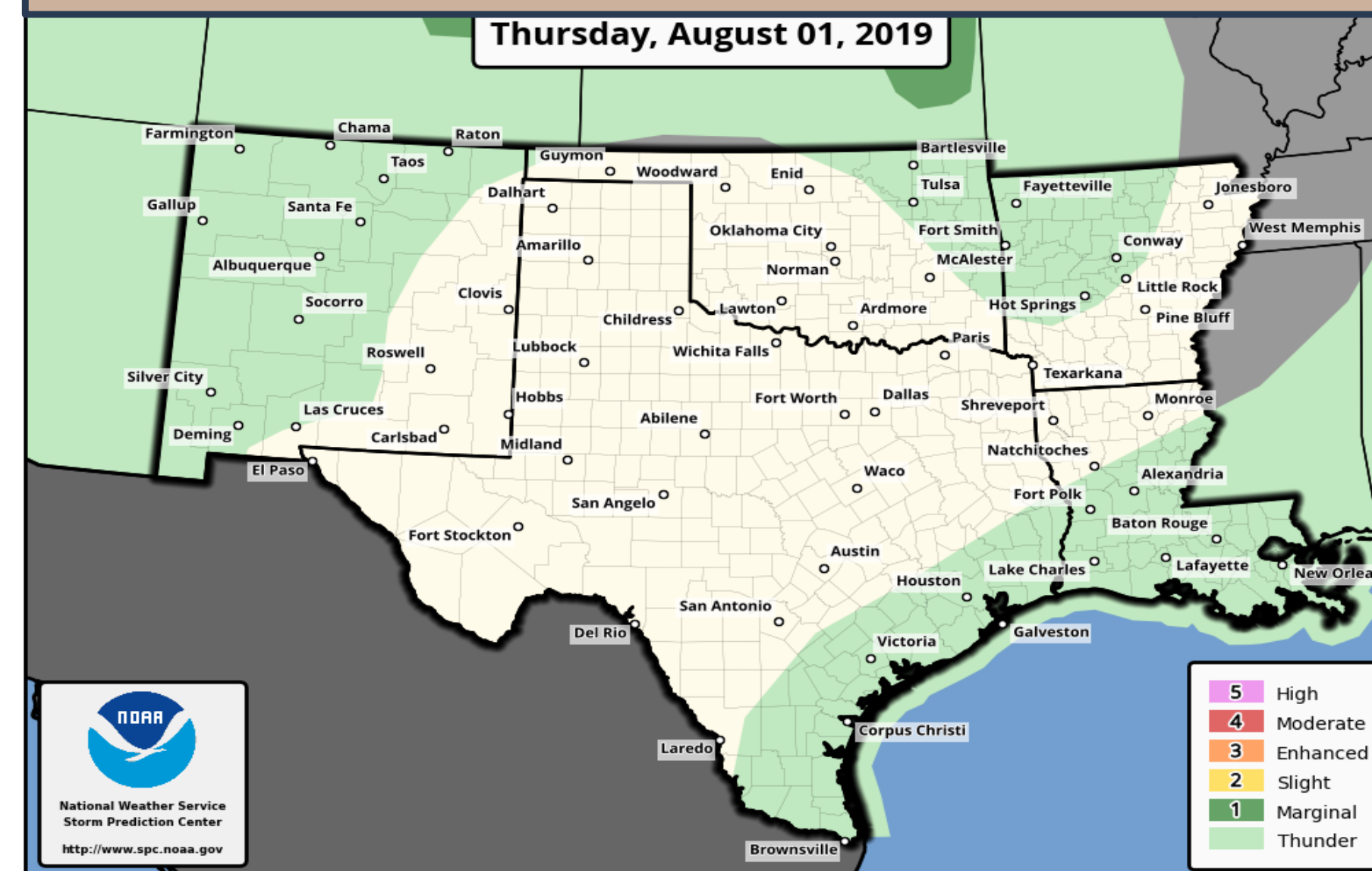


Elevated fire weather conditions across TX/OK Panhandles.

Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding possible across NM.

Severe Weather Outlook

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Friday's Weather

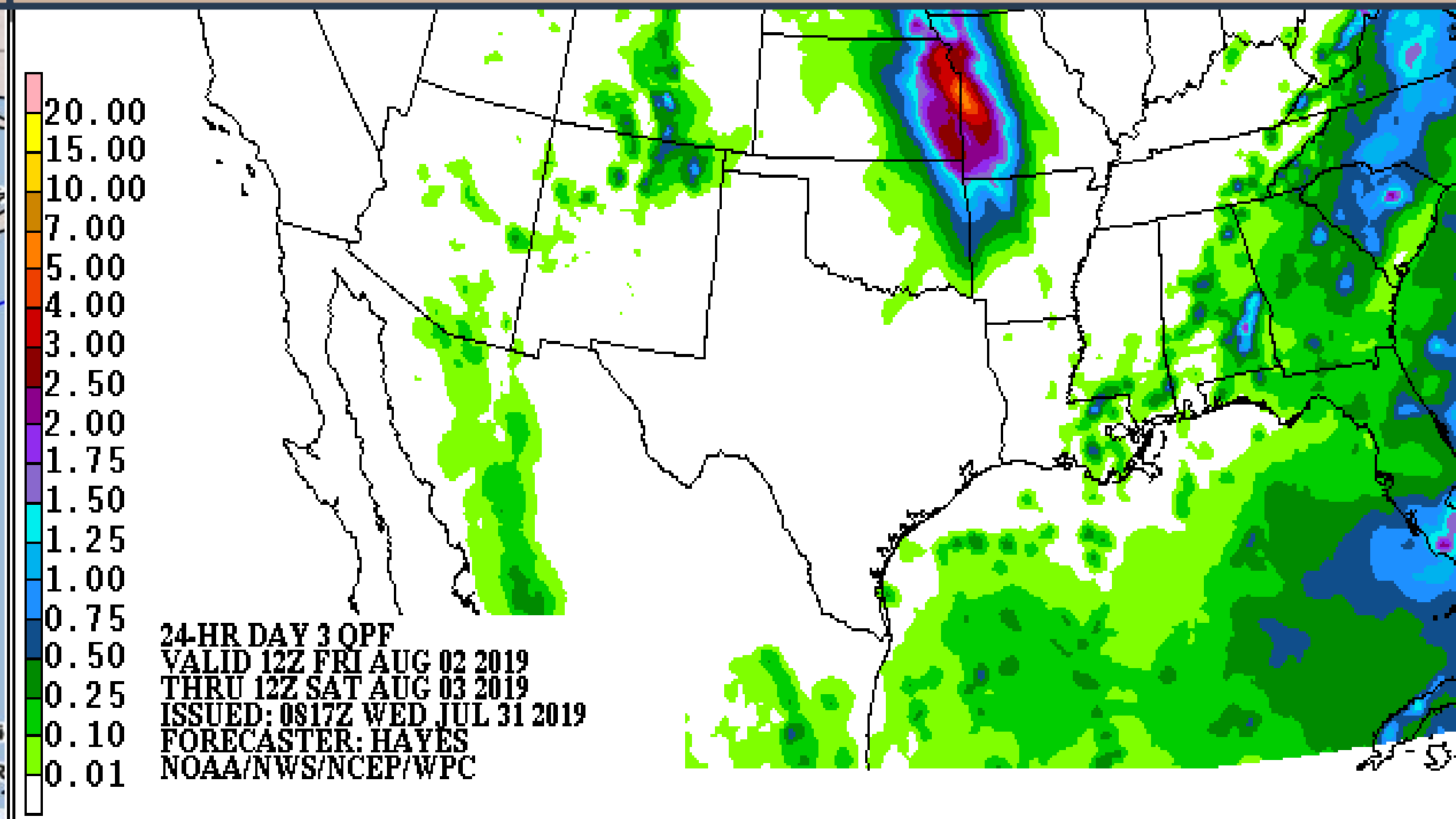
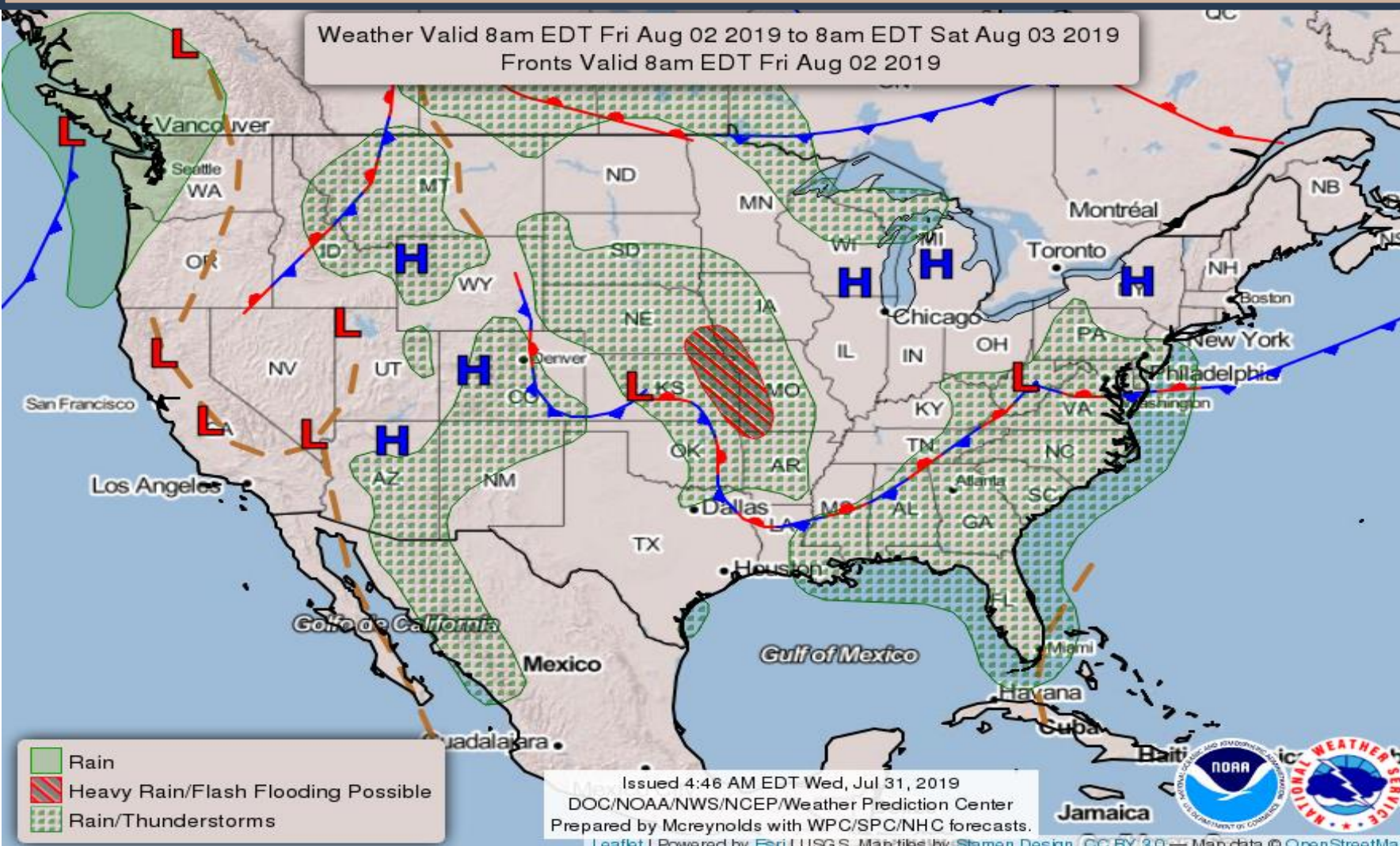


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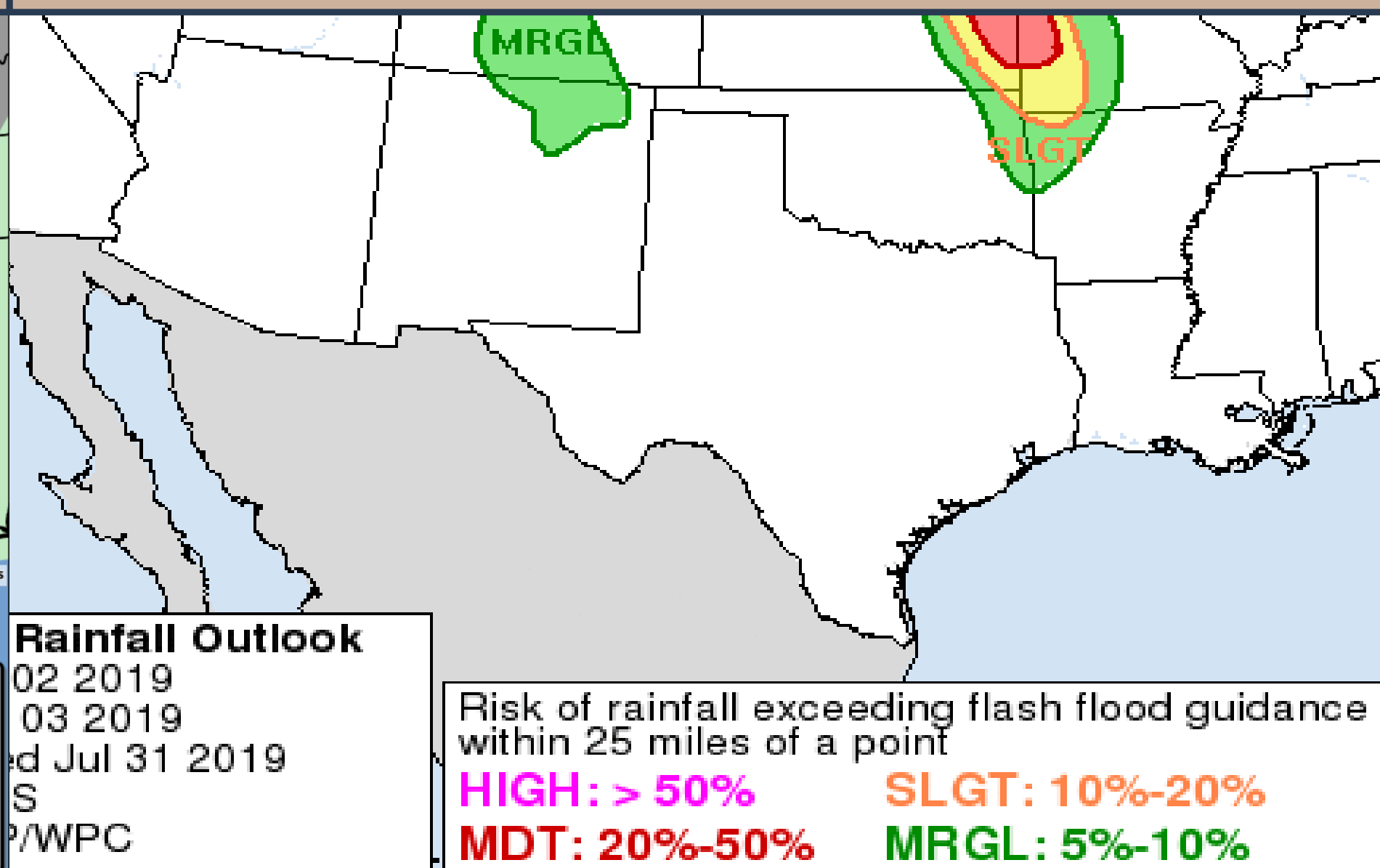
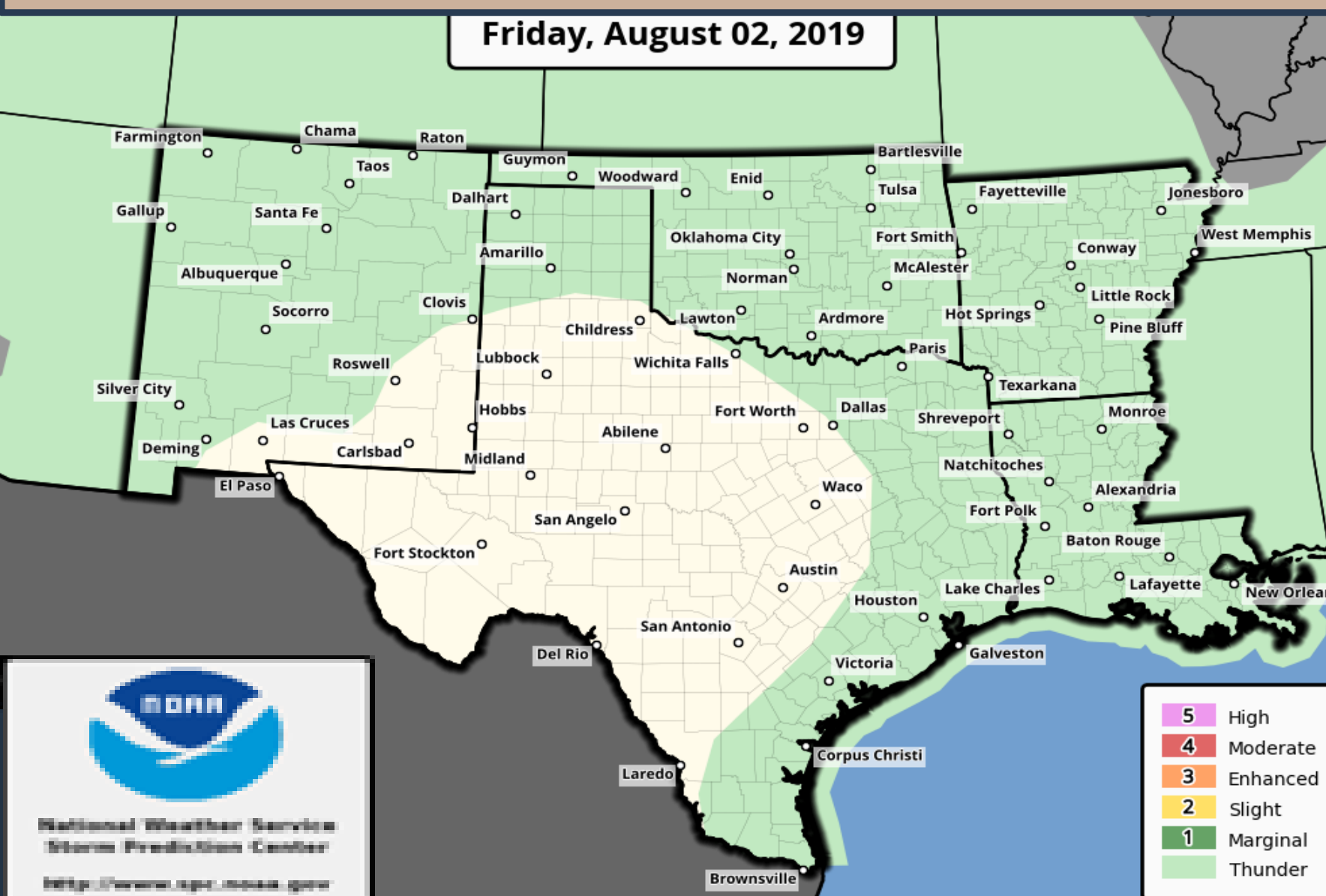
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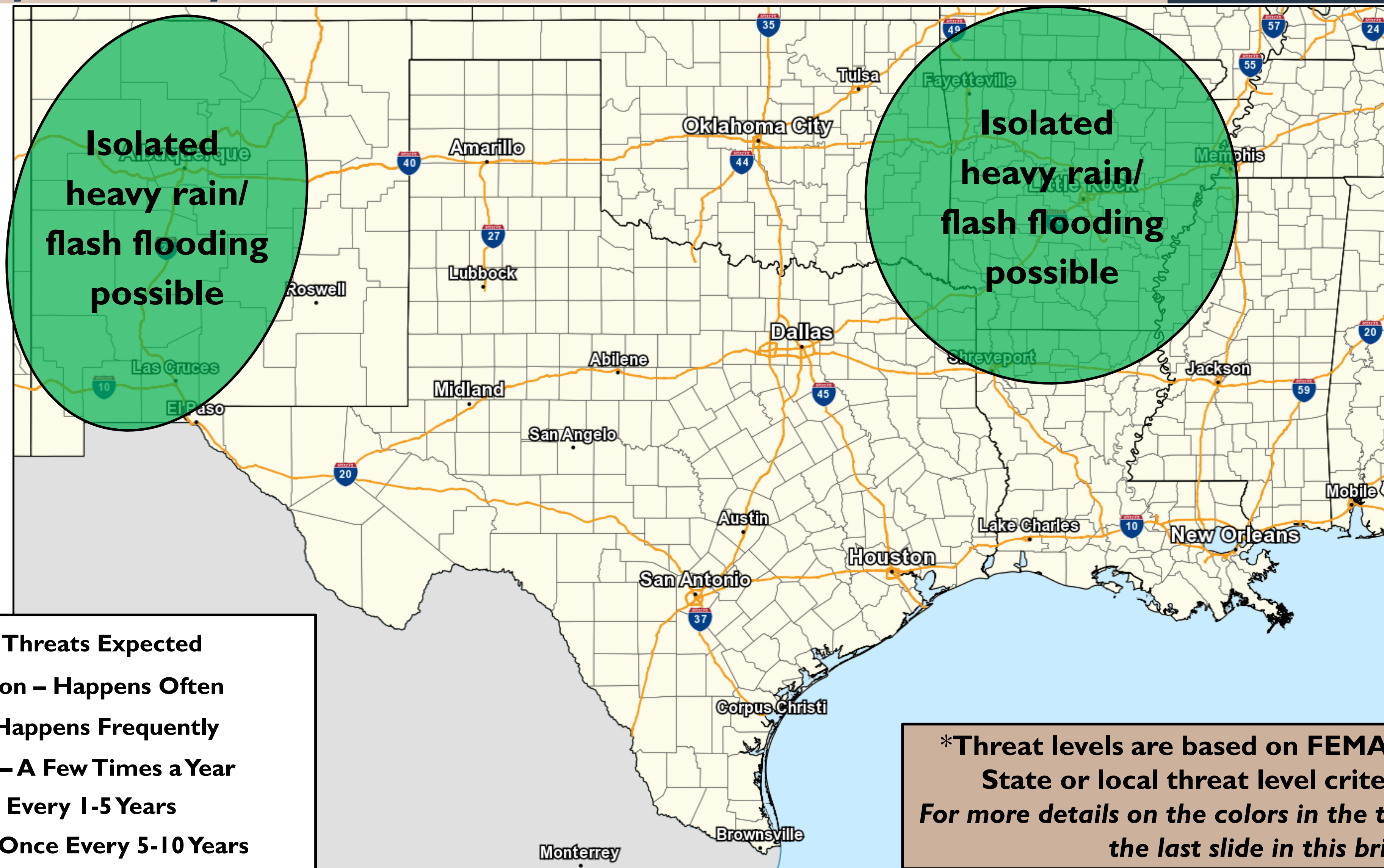


Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Saturday – Sunday



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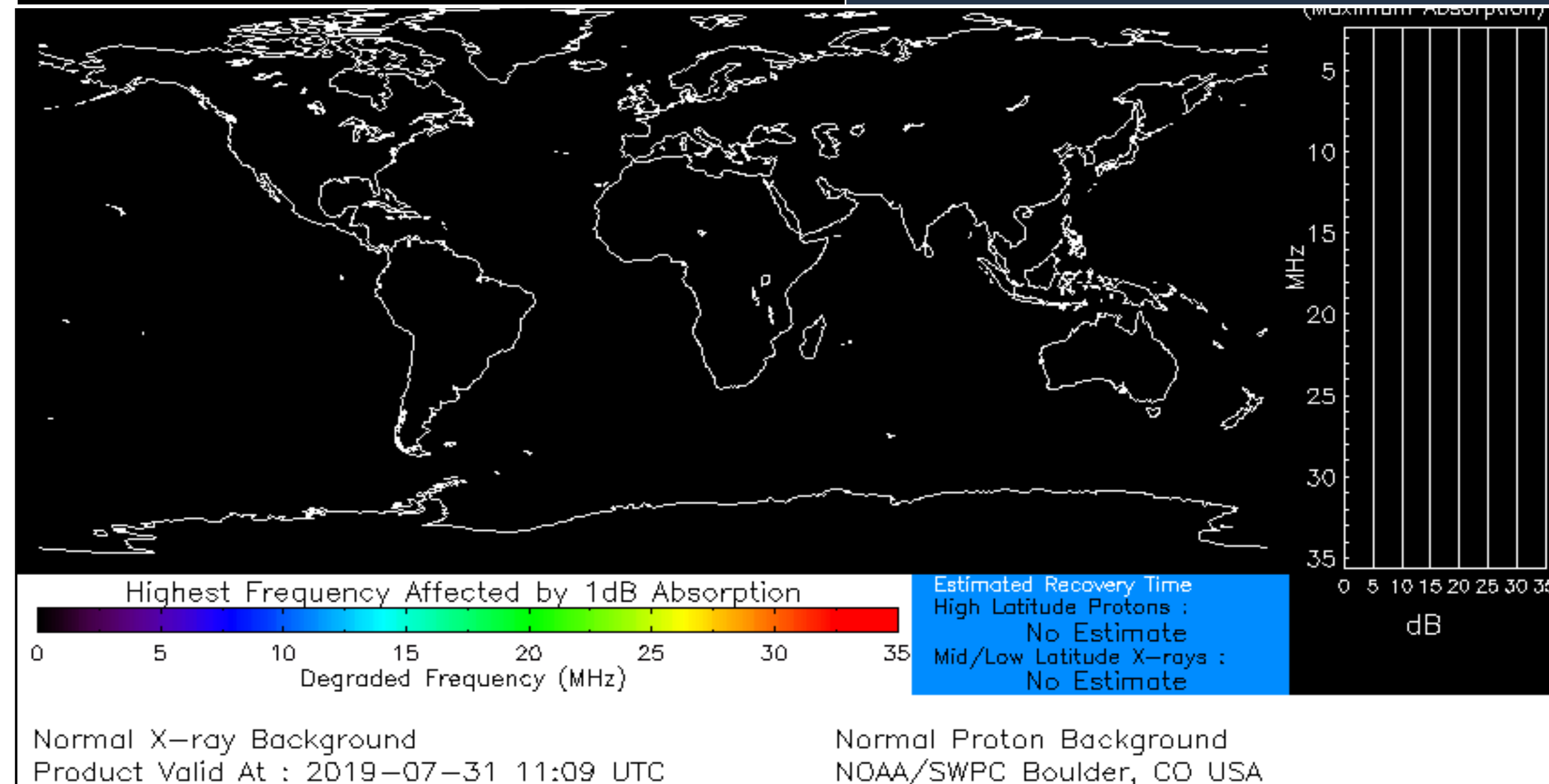


Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



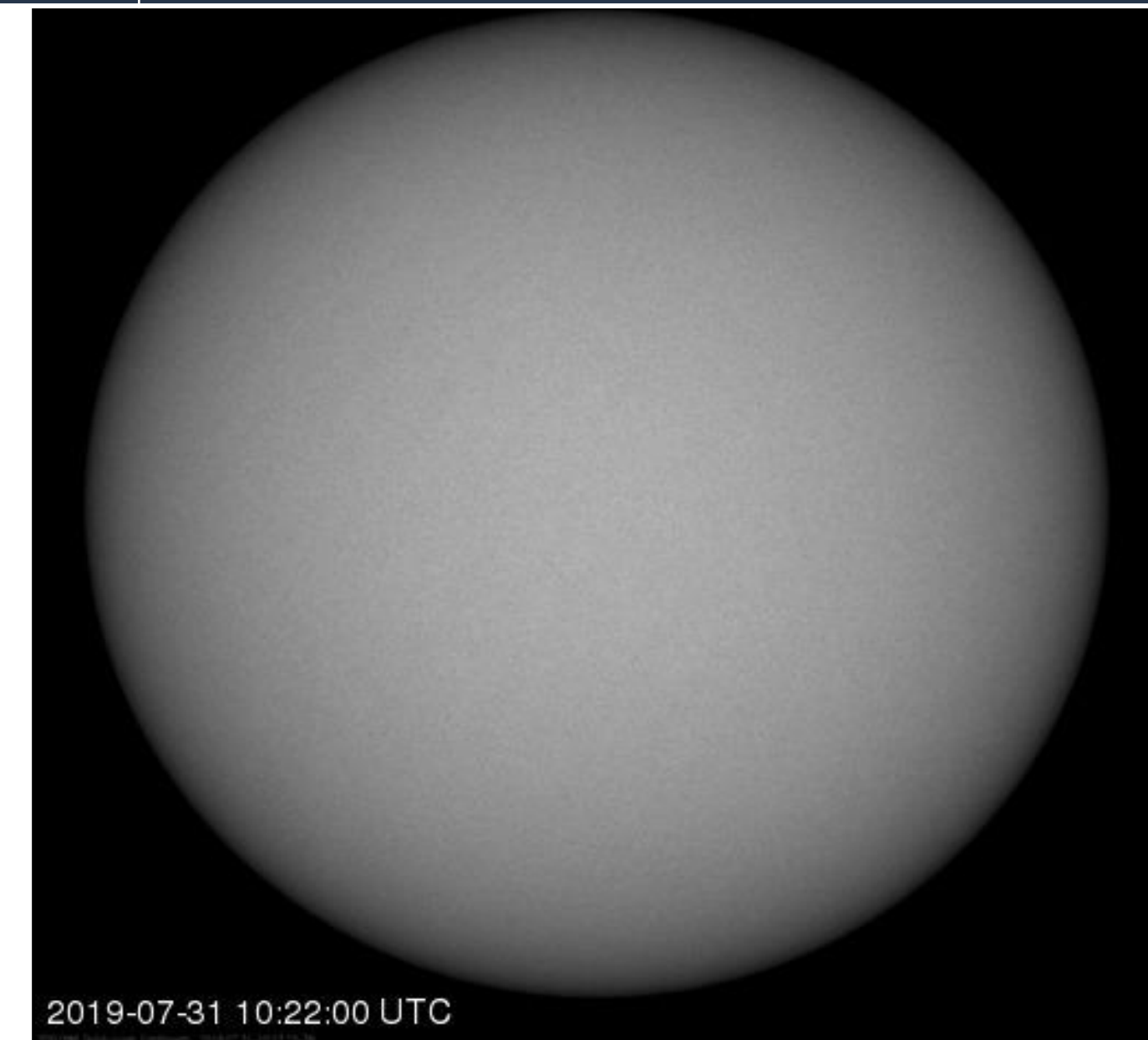
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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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Weather Storm Scales](#)

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3-Day Space Weather
Forecast Text](#)



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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to

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